

FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: August 312, 2010

Agenda Item: Classification of Exotic Wildlife Rule – Coho Salmon

Division: Fisheries

Action Needed:

_____ **Approval of Proposed (Tentative) Rule** _____ **Approval of Final Rule/Action**
_____ **X** _____ **Endorse Course of Action** _____ **None - information only**

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 Minutes

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Background: The tentative rule which included adding Coho Salmon as a Controlled species was presented at the July Commission meeting. Public comment is open on that rule amendment until September 3. The Fish Health committee is requesting that an additional control requirement be added to the rule stating: “Only gametes of Coho Salmon will be allowed for import”.

Public Involvement Process & Results: The Classification Review Committee is requesting that the Tentative rule be republished with the additional language and that the public comment period be extended.

Alternatives and Analysis:

The Tentative Rule does not get republished and after the public comment period closes the Classification Review Committee makes recommendations to the Commission for the Final Rule.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale: The Fish Health Committee is recommending that an additional control requirement be added to the rule stating: “Only gametes of Coho Salmon will be allowed for import” and that the tentative rule be published for additional comment.

Proposed Motion: I move the Commission approve proposing the additional control requirement that only gametes of Coho Salmon be allowed for import and that the public comment period be extended.